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Dear Mr. Young:

I would like to ask your department about Antelope Creek and the Big Lost River Irrigation District's (BLRID) responsibilities and duties in the delivery of water from Antelope Creek. I have been asked some questions about the use of Antelope Creek water that I have not been able to answer and would like IDWR's input on the matter.

At present some water is flowing into the UC Canal from Antelope Creek. Until last Thursday, I think that most, if not all, of this water in the UC Canal was being returned to the Big Lost River south of Moore. Doug Rosenkrance, the Watermaster, has been using the UC Canal as a recharge area. Some of the water in the UC Canal is now going out of the district to where some Big Lost River water rights are decreed out of the Moore Canal through the Crossover Ditch to the UC Canal. Currently all water rights are on. It is my understanding that control of the water in the UC Canal from Antelope Creek is the responsibility of the Watermaster, and not that of the General Manager of the BLRID. I believe that the Antelope Creek - UC Canal situation is analogous to Alder Creek - Darlington Canal area as well as the Pass Creek - Burnett Canal area. Could IDWR advise me on the district's responsibilities in the delivery of water rights from Antelope Creek, and on any other pertinent matters relating to Antelope Creek and the UC Canal?

Sincerely,



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General Manager BLRID